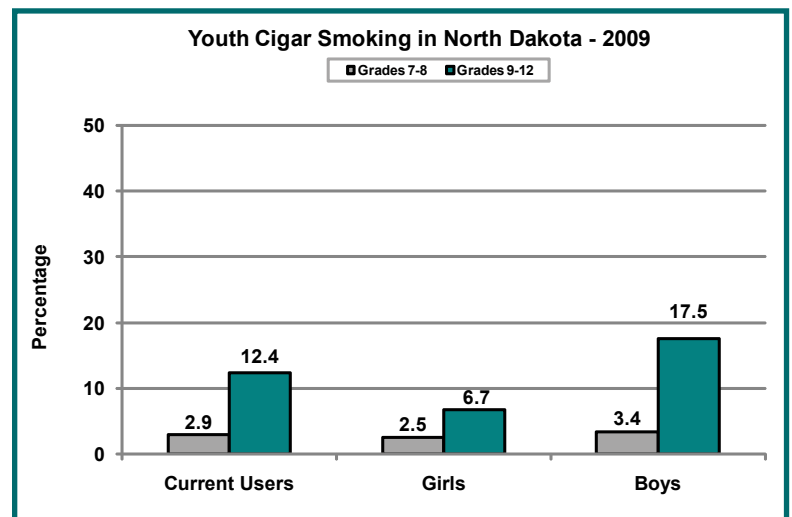
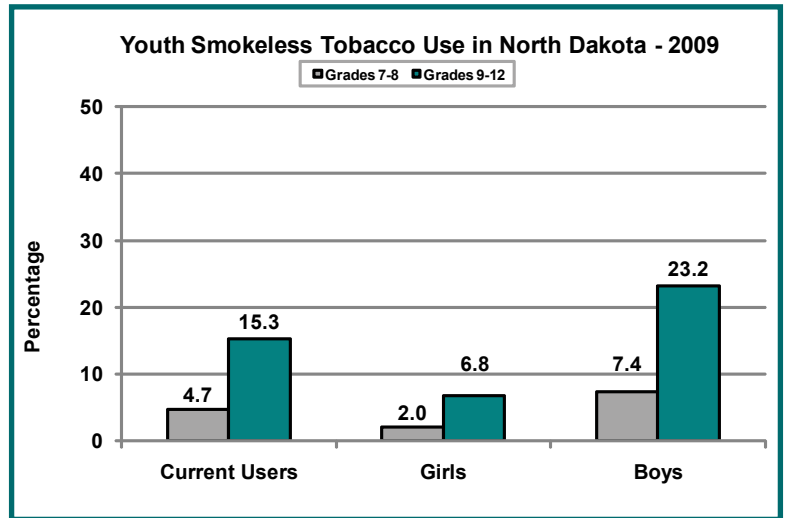


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## Other Youth Tobacco Use in 2009

- In 2009, 15.3 percent of North Dakota students in grades nine through 12 and 4.7 percent of students in grades seven and eight were current smokeless tobacco users.
- Boys used smokeless tobacco at a much higher rate than girls in both middle school and high school.
- The use of smokeless tobacco by boys was more than three times greater in grades nine through 12 than in grades seven and eight.
- In 2009, 12.4 percent of North Dakota students in grades nine through 12 and 2.9 percent of students in grades seven and eight were current smokers of cigars, cigarillos or little cigars.
- Boys in grades nine through 12 smoked cigars, cigarillos and little cigars at more than twice the rate of girls.



**Source:** The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors among youth and young adults. During the spring of 2009, the North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction conducted the seventh biennial YRBS, surveying 10,719 North Dakota students in grades nine through 12 and 7,268 students in grades seven and eight. Weighted results were obtained and are considered representative of all students in those grades.



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